

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Preliminary amendment is being submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 371 National stage: Commencement of PCT application PCT/US03/38553, entitled "Rapid One-Step Method For Generation Of Antigen Loaded Dendritic Cell Vaccine From Precursors" and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application No. 60/430,791 filed December 4, 2002. Applicants submit that the present amendment does not constitute new matter. Furthermore, support for the amendment to the Claims find support in the specification in the original claims and throughout the specification.

**Conclusion**

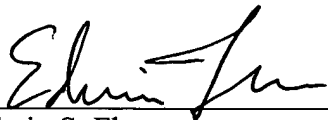
Accordingly, after entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-43 are canceled and claims 44-72 are pending in the above-identified Application. Examination on the merits and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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